

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Z-drive (30) for a watercraft (31), comprising an Z-transmission lower section (2), a Z-transmisison lower section (3), and a propeller (4), wherein at least the propeller (4) is able to be moved via a bell-housing (7), cardan housing (8), and a trim cylinder (6), characterized in that an intermediate piece (1) is located between the bell-housing (6) and the Z-drive (30), by which intermediate piece the Z-drive (30) is laterally pivotable relative to the watercraft (31).
2. (Currently Amended) Z-drive (30) according to Claim 1, characterized in that an intermediate housing (24) of the intermediate piece (1) is fastened to the bell-housing (7), and that the intermediate housing (24) accommodates a radially rotatable and bearing-mounted inner pivot tube (10) which is fastened to the Z-drive (30).
3. (Currently Amended) Z-drive (30) according to ~~Claims 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the intermediate piece (1) is connected by at least one trim cylinder (6) to the cardan housing (8).
4. (Currently Amended) Z-drive according to ~~Claims 1, 2 or 3~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the intermediate piece (1) has a pivot motor (5).
5. (Currently Amended) Z-drive according to Claim 4, characterized in that the pivot motor (5) is effectively linked to the inner pivot tube (10) about which the inner pivot tube rotates radially.

6. (Currently Amended) Z-drive according to Claim 5, characterized in that the pivot motor (5) is connected to the inner pivot tube (10) through a drive means composed of a gear ring (15) and a pinion (16).

7. (Currently Amended) Z-drive according to ~~one of Claims 4, 5 or 6~~ Claim 4, characterized in that the pivot motor (5) is activatable by an electronic control and / or electronic signal.

8. (Currently Amended) Z-drive according to ~~one of Claims 4, 5, 6 or 7~~ Claim 4, characterized in that the pivot motor (5) is activatable by the person steering using buttons on the pilot's control panel.

9. (Currently Amended) Z-drive according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that a shaft (21) passes through the intermediate housing (24) and the inner pivot tube (10).

10. (Currently Amended) Z-drive according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the inner pivot tube (10) is radially supported by a radial bearing (14) or sliding surfaces.

11. (Currently Amended) Z-drive according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the intermediate housing (24) is an integral component of the bell-housing (7).

12. (Currently Amended) Z-drive according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the immersion depth of the Z-drive (30) is adjustable independently of the trimming of the Z-drive and without adjustment of the motor shaft.

13. (Currently Amended) Z-drive according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that an angle transmitter (5) to measure the position of the Z-drive (30) is integrated into the intermediate piece (4) and enables further transmission and processing of the data.